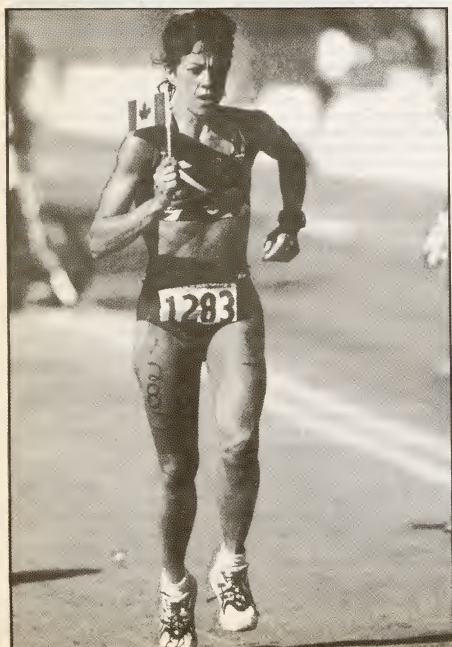


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George Brown staff member Deanna Oliver waves the flag as she crosses the finish line of the World Triathlon Championships in Cleveland, Ohio this summer. She was captain of Canada's team at the race and has now been named Ontario Triathlete of the Year.

## College staffer named triathlete of the year

George Brown's Deanna Oliver has been named Ontario Triathlete of the Year after eight winning years in the sport that combines swimming, biking and running.

The St. James campus athletic department staffer has just finished her best season — a hectic series of 15 races that saw her trim her times and captain the Canadian team at the international championship race in the U.S.

Oliver, who has worked at George Brown for 14 years after taking the Fitness and Lifestyle Management program here, takes as little as two hours and 12 minutes to swim 1.5 kilometres, bicycle 40 kilometres and run 10 kilometres — each event right after the other.

She spends about 35 hours a week training for races — logging long hours on weekend bicycle rides and runs.

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## New St. James facilities opened

George Brown College's downtown campus looks old from the outside, but inside it's now right up to date. The main St. James campus building at 200 King St. E. is a mix of historic buildings that are as much as 150 years old — but inside much of it is brand new — thanks to \$3 million in recent renovations.

The college recently finished creating several new areas at the campus that were officially opened with ribbon-cutting ceremonies on Oct. 30.

**Top photo at right:** Staff and students gathered in the new lobby on King Street as (from left) George Brown president Frank Sorochinsky, Student Association president Susan Deak, Heather Wood representing Rosedale MP Bill Graham, and Ontario Parliamentary Assistant for Colleges and Universities Terence Young cut a ribbon opening the lobby.

Several of the new areas — including the lobby, student affairs area, and student centre — were created as part of the Canada Ontario Infrastructure Works Program with funding from the federal government, provincial government, the college, and the George Brown Student Association.

**Second photo from top:** Student Affairs Director Susan Stylianos (second from left) officially opens the new Student Affairs area as staff members (from left) Frankie Chernin, Audrey Albert, Judi Linton, Mary Kennard, Alex Barbier and Kathy Kendal look on.

**Second photo from bottom:** The new bookstore is opened by bookstore manager Sean Robinson (left) and George Brown business services manager Bryan Gregg. The store now carries an expanded range of goods including general reading books and computers.

**Bottom photo at right:** The expanded open access computer lab was officially opened by student Tanya Nguyen and educational resources director John Hardy. The computer centre was made possible by a new technology fee paid by students. The new computer lab is filled with up-to-date Internet-connected machines, loaded with popular software, that allow students to conduct world-wide research and use e-mail.

**Photo below:** Student Association president Susan Deak officially opens the Student Centre, which features a Second Cup coffee bar, Subway sandwich shop, lounge area, meeting rooms, and games room.



**DENTAL OPENING** - George Brown president Frank Sorochinsky (right) and Cy Elborne, president of Ash Temple Limited, use a giant toothbrush to officially open the new dental labs at Casa Loma Campus in early November. Ash Temple was the college's partner in renovating the labs, which are used to train dental assistants, hygienists and denturists.







**STAFF CELEBRATION** — Carole Ann MacDonald, lead hand of George Brown's call centre at Casa Loma, samples the buffet at a recent reception to honour staff who have worked at George Brown for 10 and 15 years. MacDonald has spent most of her 10 years at the college handling calls from the public about George Brown's programs and services and co-ordinating the college's response to hundreds of calls and letters received daily. Ten-year employees were presented with key chains, while 15-year staff were given lapel pins.

## Triathlete

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"It's hard work, but hard work you enjoy doing," she says.

Apart from a small amount of coaching in the past year, Oliver is a self-taught triathlete.

"First you learn the sports," she says, "then you learn how to race them. Then you learn how to hurt."

Oliver learned fast. Even back in 1989 she came first in her age category in Ontario and international races, and has continued to do so every year since. She has been a member of Canada's triathlon team every year since 1990, competing in Australia, England, Mexico and the United States. Only finances prevented her from traveling to the world championships in New Zealand in 1994.

Now, set to enter a new age category next season — she now competes in the 35 to 39-year-old category — Oliver has the potential to become a world champion.

"The coach is already expecting great things from me," she says.

Triathlons may sound hard, but Oliver says anyone can learn to compete if they have the right degree of mental discipline — and the rewards are great.

"It's just a really healthy lifestyle. There's a social aspect to it... and you relieve all your stress," she says.

Oliver's family cheers her on, often travelling to big races.

## FRANK SOROCHINSKY



As the fall semester comes to a close, it's appropriate to reflect on our progress over the past few months and to acknowledge the ongoing contributions of all those who work and learn at George Brown.

Collectively we have made great strides. While the past few months were among the most challenging in the college's history, they were also filled with accomplishment.

We met, and in some cases exceeded, our full-time enrolment targets... Our overall budget performance is tracking to plan... The International Centre, working with faculty and support staff across the college, recruited record numbers of international students... Training Services, in collaboration with college faculties and departments, built strong and lucrative partnerships with major clients... We put the wheels in motion for an ambitious and exciting fund-raising effort... We officially opened new facilities at St. James Campus, including the lobby, Student Affairs area, Student Centre, Open Access Computer Lab and Bookstore... A week later, we officially opened state-of-the-art dental laboratories at Casa Loma Campus — the result of a tremendous faculty effort and an innovative partnership with a dental supplier. The event attracted an overflow crowd of students, staff and educational and community partners.

Community Services' Waterpark Place Childcare Centre — Canada's first corporate child care centre — celebrated its 10th anniversary... The Faculty of Business, working with Toronto's financial services community, put the finishing touches on a unique, new full-time Financial Planning program... Science and Technology faculty implemented major program changes... Hospitality faculty and students continued winning major culinary awards... Creative Arts faculty and students were active on a number of fronts, including a wonderful Performing Arts Remembrance Day program... Students and staff enjoyed a thought-provoking lecture by journalist/historian Gwynne Dyer in an event co-sponsored by the General Education Department and the International Centre... A number of faculty had works published... And, despite significant realignment, our support staff have contributed in so many important ways across the college.

There are hundreds of other examples and reasons to celebrate George Brown and those who work and learn here. Please accept my congratulations for your achievements, my appreciation for your support and warmest regards for the upcoming holiday season.

Frank Sorochinsky is president of George Brown College.



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# DECEMBER EVENTS

Nov. 26 - Annual general meeting of the George Brown Student Association. 5 p.m., Casa Loma Student Lounge. Topics to be discussed: 95/96 audit, health plan, budget, student fees, athletics, student representative councils, and chartered organizations. All students are welcome to attend. For information call 415-2455.

Nov. 26 and 28 - Staff Workshop: Minute-taking. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., St. James Campus (200 King St. E.) Room 285C. Learn how to take accurate and effective minutes of meetings. Presenter: Joan Hamilton, of The Minute-Takers. For more information call the Staff Resource Centre at 415-4661.

Dec. 2 - Information Session: Explore a career in written communication. 7 p.m., St. James Campus, room TBA. Find out about George Brown's continuing education certificate programs. To reserve a seat or for information call 415-2092.

Dec. 3 - Women's Basketball versus Fanshawe College, 6 p.m.. St. James gym.

Dec. 6 and 7 - Invitational High School Basketball Tournament, 3 to 10 p.m. St. James gym.

Dec. 7, 14, and 21 - George Brown Theatre presents *Sleeping Beauty*, a family musical with music by Norman Sachs, lyrics by Barbara Fried, directed by Heinar Pillar. Performances on each day at 1 and 3 p.m. in the Hart House

Theatre (7 Hart House Circle) at the University of Toronto's downtown St. George Campus. Tickets are \$7 (general admission), \$5 (college students and staff), and \$2.75 (groups over 20). For reservations call 978-8668. Group orders call 415-2167.

Dec. 13 - Office Closing: All

Student Affairs offices will be closed for a departmental retreat. All offices will reopen on Monday, Dec. 16.

Dec. 14 - Annual Staff Children's Christmas Party, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Casa Loma cafeteria. For information call Rachel Strangis at 415-4300.

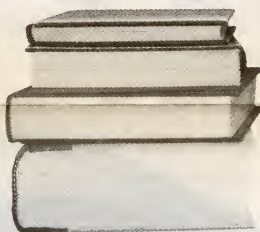
Dec. 25 - Brunch for Homeless People at the George Brown Hospitality Centre. Volunteers needed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Leave your name in voice-mailbox 3888.

Dec. 25 - Jan. 2, 1997 - College closed for winter break. Happy New Year everyone!

## Staff Appreciation Parties

Wed. Dec. 18  
Nightingale Cafeteria  
Thurs. Dec. 19  
St. James Student Centre  
Fri. Dec. 20  
Casa Loma Staff Lounge  
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